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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 9/23/85

Full name KEN TINKHAM (H) 682-1773  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address P.O. BOX 552 - (9191 BROOKSIDE)

City LEAVENWORTH State KANSAS Zip Code 66048

Date of birth 3/1/50 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion CATHOLIC Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation INSURANCE REP.

Education BS-COLLEGE DEGREE-BENEDICTINE COLLEGE, ATCHISON, KANSAS

Weight 250 Height 5'4" Race CAUCASIAN

Color of hair SANDY BROWN-BALDING Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding characteristics or interests VERY OBESE

Married or single SINGLE Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections: O.A. - KAW DIST/D.M.A.L. - KAW DISTRICT

Unit No.	City	State	Office	Date registered	Date resigned
s.a. T-0167	Leavenworth, Kans.		S.A.		

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION,  
AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR,  
CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

**NOTED**

F. STARON

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OCT 4 1985

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Don H. Whitcraft  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council Heart of America

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September 4, 1986

Mr. Daniel H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Kenneth Tinkham

Dear Dan:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: North Central Region

SEP 4 1986

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A program for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers

National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096  
Telephone: 214-580-2000

July 30, 1986

Mr. Daniel H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Kenneth Tinkham

Dear Dan:

We want to thank you for all of the information which you have previously sent concerning this individual. I hope by now that the sentencing has taken place, which will complete our file.

Let us know if we may be of help to you. As soon as we receive this information, we will have a file which will enable us to refuse registration anywhere an attempt might come.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: North Central Region

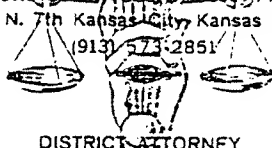
*Dear Paul*  
*Phoned Assistant District*  
*Attorney, Wes Griffin for an up date. As you*  
*already know - Tinkham was convicted - is on probat*  
*pending appeal - since briefs have not been subm*  
*by Tinkham's attorney - any re-hearing*  
*is 6 months or more away*  
*Dan Wheatcroft*  
*8-13-86*

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Office of The  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Of The 29th Judicial District of Kansas

Wyandotte County Court House, First Floor  
710 N. 7th Kansas City, Kansas 66101  
(913) 573-2851



DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
Nick A. Tomasic

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April 16, 1986

PAUL: NOTE LETTER.....HE WILL BE SENTENCED  
AT A LATER DATE. AS SOON AS RECEIVED,  
WILL FORWARD ON TO YOU.

Boy Scouts of America  
Dan Wheatcroft  
II Gateway Center  
4th & State  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

DHW

RE: State vs. Kenneth Tinkham  
Case Number 85CR1605

Mr. Wheatcroft,

As per our phone conversation, I am informing your  
organization of the fact that Kenneth Tinkham was convicted  
by a jury trial for the acts at Camp Naish.

Whatever sanctions you wish to apply on this party are  
not involved in this case. The only requirements I can employ  
are that the defendant not have contact with the specific  
victim in our case.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

WESLEY K. GRIFFIN  
Assistant District Attorney

WKG:clb

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SCOUTING/USA

National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096  
Telephone: 214-580-2000

April 8, 1986

Mr. Daniel H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Glen O'Dell & Kenneth  
Tinkham

Dear Dan:

I am sorry to bother you again concerning Confidential File cases. We seem to have run through a multitude of them in the last few months.

The above named individuals were arrested related to sexual charges. We would like to know the outcome of any legal action which has taken place concerning both of these individuals. This will be most helpful to us as we complete our files for refusal of registration anywhere in the country.

Let us know if we may be of any help from this office.

Sincerely,

*Paul Ernst*  
Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: North Central Region

PLEASE NOTE THE ATTACHED....I BELIEVE THEY ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY.

Dan H. Wheatcroft, S.E.

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# Molestation trial to end

By MIKE BELT  
Kansan Staff Writer

9-9-86  
Closing arguments were expected to be heard and a Wyandotte County jury was expected to begin deliberations today in the trial of a Leavenworth Boy Scout leader accused of molesting a Cub Scout.

Ken Tinkham is charged with one count of taking indecent liberties with a child stemming from an alleged incident that occurred last summer during Scout daycamp at Camp Naish, Bonner Springs.

During testimony Monday, an 8-year-old boy identified Tinkham as the man who in-

decently fondled him during a game being played at the camp. The boy said he had been blindfolded at the time and was playing a game when a man came up to him and placed his hands on him. Under questioning from Assistant District Attorney Wes Griffin, the boy said he recognized the man's voice as being Tinkham's.

The boy said the man stopped after he told him to leave him alone.

After the boy's testimony, a woman Cub Scout leader also testified she saw Tinkham place his hands on the boy, but said she was in no position to see exactly what Tinkham was doing. She said she later went to

the boy and asked him what had happened. She said the boy told her he had been fondled.

According to court testimony, camp directors and Bonner Springs police were notified. Tinkham was later banned from attending all Scouting activities as a Scout leader.

Tinkham took the stand in his own defense Tuesday and denied he had ever intentionally fondled a boy and had never sought sexual gratification that way. He said he did hug the Scouts at times to show affection, saying "there is not enough hugging in this world."

Under questioning from his lawyer, Marvin Stottlemire, (See TRIAL, page 2A)



## Trial

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Lansing, Tinkham said he does not remember having any contact with the boy who identified him.

Stottlemire also called several character witnesses to the stand. All said they had known Tinkham for several years and would not hesitate to allow their children to be around him.

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North Central Region—Boy Scouts of America

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Telephone: 913-451-8016

October 2, 1985

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Mr. Paul I Ernst  
DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION SERVICE

Dear Paul:

The attached article from the Kansas City Star, Sunday, September 29, citing charges against Glen O'Dell, John Melanson and Kenneth Tinkham, would certainly warrant your communicating with Dan Wheatcroft of the Heart of America Council with the necessary information background request preliminary to filing in our confidential file.

You will recall our conversation related to Mr. Melanson last week.

Cordially,

Theodore P. Accas  
Assistant Regional Director

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Enclosure

F. STARON  
OCT 4 1985

10895 Lowell Avenue, Overland Park, Ks. 66210 — 1697

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## Scouts to emphasize screening of volunteers

By Elaine Adams

staff writer

**T**he Kansas City-area Boy Scouts, stunned by the filing of criminal charges against three Scout leaders in the last two weeks, plan to improve their training of the volunteers who screen new leaders.

Both national and local Scout officials maintain, however, that the current method of selecting leaders—which leaves the choice to the church, school or civic group sponsoring the Scouting program—is the best way to weed out undesirables.

"Even one case is too many, but in reality we work with 1.6 million adult volunteers around the country and there are each year a handful of morals cases," said Barclay Bolas, national news editor at the Boy Scouts of America headquarters in Irving, Texas. "We feel the percentage is extremely low and we have confidence in our selection procedure."

The recent string of criminal charges apparently has not hurt area recruiting, said Harvey Thompson, director of field service for the 19-county Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Thompson said he hoped the recent publicity will prompt parents to become more involved in Scouting and not tarnish "a movement that has helped young people and their families for years and years."

Those charged:

● Glen O'Dell, a longtime leader in the Clay County community of Pleasant Valley, was charged with two counts of sodomy and three counts of first-degree deviant sexual assault on a boy who had been member of his troop.

● John M. Melanson was charged with forgery in the theft of \$350 from a blind couple whose son he tried to recruit into a Scout organization at a North-east-area church.

● Kenneth Tinkham of Leavenworth surrendered Friday to Wyandotte County authorities. He was charged with taking indecent liberties with an 8-year-old boy at a Scout camp.

Mr. Thompson said all three leaders had been suspended from the Scout program.

"A person is innocent until he goes to court, but we can't afford to have a person who may have done an immoral act close to kids," Mr. Thompson said.

Mr. Thompson said at least five persons in the sponsoring group are required to be active in the recruiting of volunteer leaders.

"What happened in the last few days shows there's been some slippage in those checks and balances," Mr. Thompson said.

Mr. Bolas said the Scouts maintain a list of 2,000 undesirables and the names of all applicants are checked against it. But it is a misconception that fingerprinting would help, he said, because incidents rarely involve repeat offenders.

Mr. Thompson said the organization is working to make everyone more aware of the possibility that even a trusted neighbor might be capable of criminal behavior. The effort had begun in the last year or so, he said, but will be intensified because of the recent incidents.

Locally, Mr. Thompson said, churches are being urged to see Scouting as part of their youth ministry. His organization is working with the churches on a new training program for Scouting coordinators.

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August 26, 1985

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Ken Tinkham  
P.O. Box 552  
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048


Dear Mr. Tinkham:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dan H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive

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8/27/85

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Dear Don Wheatcroft:

Please excuse my longhand, I hope you can make this out, as I feel an urgency to reply to you which I feel you must understand.

First of all, I can't believe this whole thing! But, before I go into any details I must have the answers to some questions.

You indicate that "after careful review you have decided that my registration be suspended, and that you are" compelled to request that I sever any relations with the BSA. Absolute request!!! I must ask after careful review of what? What is it that compels you to do this?

I understand and have for over 10 years understood that BSA Membership registration is a privilege & is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. Also that you do reserve the right to suspend the registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for America.

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youth. My question is: for what reasons ~~have~~ you ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> question my integrity ??? It has never been questioned over the last 15 years. In fact many must have felt that my dedication & performance to scouting was meritorious as I was so honored!!

I appreciate the fact that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential. This I fully understand. What I do understand is why you have ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> shared them with me? You must be operating out of an assumption of which I am not aware. Please share them with me.

Also I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to have this decision review. This is why I am writing to you now. It would appear you are interested in hearing both sides of the story as you indicated to me when we last talked. I do understand & appreciate the action you have taken here and the point this situation puts you in. And therefore why it must be clarified post haste.

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Upon receipt of a reply from you regarding these questions that I have and some indication of your version of what this is all about, I would be glad to explain my version of the facts supporting my claim that my registration as a BSA leader should be continued.

Until that time I will assume that I am considered innocent until proven guilty as the law of this land requires, and I will go about living up to the commitments I have made to the people involved in this situation.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Please give me a call if I can be of further service to you in coming to an understanding of what has taken place here.

KEN TINKHAM  
919 L BROOKSIDE  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS 66048  
PHONE: (913) 622-1773

Sincerely,  
Ken Tinkham

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STATE OF KANSAS

JOHN CARLIN, GOVERNOR

STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

ROBERT C. HARDER, SECRETARY

August 29, 1985

STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
TOPEKA, KANSAS 666

Kansas City Area Office  
Tower I - Suite 228  
P.O. Box 1248  
Kansas City, KS 66117

Boy Scouts of America  
Heart of America Council  
II Gateway Center  
4th and State Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66101

Gentlemen:

This agency has completed an investigation of a report of child sexual abuse which allegedly involved one of your staff members, Kenneth Tinkham. The Bonner Springs Police has also investigated the complaint.

We have reason to believe that the incident did occur and are forwarding our report to the District Attorney's office.

According to the Bonner Springs Police, Mr. Tinkham could have had contact with upward to 300 children.

We are certain that you will want to take the appropriate steps to protect other children. Our staff is available for consultation and to assist you in this matter. You may want to call Mrs. Peggy Coriell (913-371-6700-Ext. 404), if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

*Hilde E. Farley*  
(Ms.) Hilde E. Farley, ACSW, LMSW  
Chief of Social Services

*Peggy Coriell*  
(Ms.) Peggy Coriell  
Special Services Section  
Supervisor

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Jackie Taylor  
Kris Lehr

*C. Calloway by KDF*  
(Ms.) Caroline Calloway  
Specialized Children's Services  
Section Supervisor

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STATE OF KANSAS

JOHN CARLIN, GOVERNOR

STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

ROBERT L. HARTER, SECRETARY

September 5, 1985

STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
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Kansas City, Kansas 66117  
(913) 371-6700, Ext. 352

Boy Scouts of America  
Heart of America Council  
Tower II Building  
Fourth and State Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas 66104

ATTENTION: Mr. Wheatcroft

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation on August 30, 1985 concerning the sexual abuse report. We are pleased you have already taken steps to protect children from further abuse and are no longer permitting Mr. Kenneth Tinkham to be a part of your camping program.

This letter also makes note of the fact that Mr. Tinkham was a volunteer and not a member of your professional paid staff.

Thank you for your concern. If we may be of further help please contact Ms. Peggy Coriell.

Sincerely,

*Hilde E. Farley*  
(Ms.) Hilde E. Farley, ACSW, LMSW  
Chief of Social Services

*Peggy Coriell*  
(Ms.) Peggy Coriell  
Special Services Section Supervisor

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Mr. Jim Savage  
Ms. Caroline Calloway  
Ms. Jacqueline Taylor  
Ms. Kris Lehr

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# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## Heart of America Council



September 3, 1985

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Ken Tinkham  
P.O. Box 552  
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

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Dear Ken:

This is in response to your letter of August 27, 1985, which related to our letter of August 26th by which we notified you confidentially that we had decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended.

You expressed an understanding that "we must always reserve the right to suspend leadership registration," and you acknowledged "the position this situation puts the Boy Scouts of America in." Please rest assured that we have taken the subject action because we have been made aware, through parental complaint and legal proceedings, of matters best resolved by civil authorities. We have not attempted to decide the merits of the complaints and we will not attempt to decide such a question. We have concluded, until the matter has been resolved by duly constituted civil authorities, which we hope will be one vindicating you, that you accept this confidential suspension severing all connection with Scouting.

Sincerely,

Dan H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive

DHW/gg

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